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1. On 30 January 1951, the National Committee of the Partido Popular (PP) held a meeting which was presided over by Vicente Lombardo Toledano. The first topic discussed was a meeting of the National Council of the Party to be held in February.
 2. The conferees also discussed the desertion of PP members and leaders to the camp of Miguel Henriquez Guzman, such as that of General Genoveva de la O, of Morelos, and Antonio Mayes Navarro, a director of the Party in Michoacan. Mayes reportedly was in touch with Henriquez' organizing committee in Michoacan, talked with Henriquez, and received money from him to be used for a pro-Henriquez campaign in that state. In order to avoid a scandal, the National Committee decided not to make public charges against Mayes. It was, however, decided to take steps to prevent further defections in Michoacan, and to support General Damian Flores, who is considered more reliable, for the presidency.
 3. The conferees decided that Lombardo and Rafael Carrillo should leave Mexico City on 6 or 7 February 1951 for Michoacan, for the following purposes:
 - a. To solidify the PP against further inroads by the supporters of Henriquez.
 - b. To try to enter into direct contact with former President Lazaro Cardenas.
 - c. To investigate the violent death of a local Party leader.
 4. Lombardo informed the meeting that the labor section of the PP, headed by Rafael Carrillo, Javier Ramos Valzarra, and Rafael Lopez Malo, has completed plans for a meeting of labor groups which are not connected and subsidized by the government. He stated that the plan has been approved by the Partido Comunista Mexicano and the dissident Communist Partido Obrero y Campesino Mexicano, and that the Union General de Obreros y Campesinos de Mexico will supply the organizational and directive force for the labor meeting, which is to be held in March or April. While the agenda for the meeting will include only labor matters, source believes that the opportunity will be taken to discuss political matters of mutual interest to the PP, the PCI, and the POCM.
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